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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AIR RAIDS AGAINST HARGEISA

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT AIRPORT AT HARGEISA WAS ATTACKED BY ETHIOPIAN F-5'S ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 10. SIX F-5'S TOOK PART IN BOMBING AND STRAFING OF AIRPORT BUT ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES LITTLE DAMAGE DONE EXCEPT TO SOVIET AIRCRAFT ON TARMAC AND TEA OR COFFEE HOUSE ADJACENT TO TERMINAL. ONE TEEN

AGE YOUTH REPORTEDLY KILLED. FUEL DEPOTS REPORTEDLY NOT RPT NOT TOUCHED.

- 2. WE HAVE CONFIRMATION OF ATTACK FROM TWO SEPARATE LOCAL SOURCES WHO WERE IN TOUCH WITH HARGEISA TOWER AT TIME OF EARLY MORNING ATTACKS.
- 3. SONNA BULLETIN OF SEPT 11 REPORTED ATTACKS AND CLAIMED THAT THREE ETHIOPIAN F-5'S LOST AS RESULT OF TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTACKS. WE HAVE NO CORROBORATION OF THIS CLAIM BUT DOUBT THAT ETHIOPIANS SUFFERED ANY PLANE LOSSES.

4. SONNA ALSO REPORTED THAT ETHIOPIAN PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED BORDER VILLAGE OF TUG WAJALE ON SEPT 8. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VILLAGE POPULATION WAS SWOLLEN BY JIGJIGA REFUGEES THUS ACCOUNTING FOR EXTENSIVE LOSS

OF LIFE.

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